encouragements have the Government given to the Ayurvedic system of treatment in the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Copy is appended. (*Appendix I.*)

(b) An Ayurvedic Vydiasala has been since opened at Tiruvilluamala. An Honorary supervisor has been appointed to supervise the Vydiasalas. A scheme for the training of Visha Vydians has been sanctioned. And a sum of Rs. 10,000 has been provided in the medical budget for 1108 for opening a Central Ayurvedic Hospital.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(b) May I know whether the Government has prepared any scheme regarding the Central Ayurvedic Hospital?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. Details have not been fixed yet.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has the centre been fixed upon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. Tentatively at Trichur.

Selling of timber through the agency of the Anamalais' Timber Trust.

172. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the quantity of timber sold through the agency of the Anamalais' Timber Trust (Mr. John Kuruvilla, Director) during the three months for which the contract was originally given;

(2) was the agency period extended subsequently; if so, for what period;

(3) has any timber been sold during the period of extension; and if so, what is the quantity sold;

(4) was any timber sold outright to the timber trust itself on a commission basis; if so, what was the quantity sold and the rate of commission agreed upon;

(5) was any portion of the timber thus sold taken delivery of on payment of the agreed price; what was the agreed price;

(6) was any portion of the timber contracted for sale, subsequently sold in public auction by Government; if s , what was the average price obtained by such auction; what was the quantity sold at such auction;

(7) have Government suffered any loss by such resale?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(1) Nil.

(2) No.

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(3) The question does not arise in view of answer to (2) above.

(4) No.

(5), (6) and (7). No answer is necessary in view of answer to (4) above.

Kaicheri—Kuruvancheri Road.

173. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the length of the above road;

(2) was that road ever subjected to an outright repairs; if so, when and at what cost;

(3) does that road carry heavy traffic in the shape of arecanuts; what is the season of the arecanut trade;

(4) is that road in good repair now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) 8 miles, 2 furlongs and 50 yards.

(2) No.

(3) Yes.

The season for arecanut trade is from Karkadagam to Thulam.

(4) Except the first 3 miles it is in good condition. Five furlongs of the first mile are being renewed with granite metal this year. Action will be taken to renew the remaining length according to the availability of funds next year.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Which end of the road is meant when they say the first three miles? Is it Kuruvancheri or Kaicheri side?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Starting from the Shoranur Road.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any trouble because of the planting of the avenue trees on this road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. The avenue trees in that portion of the road are very closely planted and as a result the road does not get the benefit of the sun's rays for drying.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—May I know who planted these trees?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Agricultural Department.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezuthassan.—What does the Government propose to improve this road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The road in the first place is very narrow. It is not possible to deepen the

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